



Ongoing Grant Projects 2016

Schoharie County Planning & Development Agency

Hazard Mitigation: Purchases and cleanups for the Irene flood buyout properties are complete. Final funding requests will be submitted for 3 communities. 11 buyout projects were completed in 9 communities totaling approximately 3.4 million dollars and protecting approximately 85 acres as open space/floodplain.

The County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan will need to be updated by October 2018. Funding from FEMA to undertake a plan update is currently being applied for. The plan is a Federal requirement and will cost between \$50,000 and \$70,000 and 25% of the cost will be County staff time dedicated to the process. A planning committee is being formed and a consultant that is excellent in engaging community groups and municipalities will be sought for this update.

CDBG-DR Projects: The Planning Office and the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery are assisting the Towns of Blenheim and Fulton with their Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) - Disaster Recovery projects. Both Towns are working to expand and rehabilitate their Town facilities. The Town of Fulton is also working on an expansion at the West Fulton Fire Station. The combined projects will cost just over 6 million dollars. Projects are to support flood resiliency within these communities. Funding includes \$160,000 in County administration.

Other Projects:

- The Planning Office is working with the County Industrial Development Agency to administer a CDBG Microenterprise program. The Agency applied for and received a \$200,000 grant to assist up to eight small businesses. Applications for funding from businesses around the County are currently being reviewed and represent a myriad of new and expanding business ideas. Grant awards will be made this summer and the program runs through 2017.
- The Office applied for and was granted a \$40,000 grant from NYSDEC through the Hudson River Estuary Program. The grant is to study almost 7 miles of an unnamed tributary to the Franklinton Vlaie to address ongoing environmental and flood issues. The Town of Broome, County Soil and Water, and the Agency will cooperate to undertake the project.
- Several ongoing CDBG Economic Development and Small Business grants are being administered and closed out by the Agency.
- Due to ongoing projects, complete grant writing assistance is limited, but advice and review assistance is always available for eligible applicants looking to apply for the many grant opportunities that exist. Please contact us at 518-295-8770 to discuss.

Schoharie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Update:

The contract to update the 2000 Schoharie County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan has been fully executed by the State. Nan Stolzenburg is the consultant for the update. This important project is made possible by a \$25,000 NYS Agriculture and Markets grant submitted and administered by the Agency.

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Technical Assistance

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2016 Consolidated Funding Application:

Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State's Regional Economic Development Council have announced details about the 2016 New York State Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) program, with applications due on July 29, 2016. The CFA process serves as a portal for multiple State funding programs to ensure there is a community centered and regional approach to economic development throughout New York State. More information about this program can be found at the following websites at <https://apps.cio.ny.gov/apps/cfa/>

Village of Richmondville Projects: Our Agency is providing technical assistance to the Village of Richmondville as they review two proposed projects within the Village, a Dollar General and a residential apartment complex.

Geographic Information System: Our Agency is working with various County Agencies and municipalities on several mapping initiatives. Coordination of GIS efforts amongst County Agencies is a long term goal.

Town of Esperance Zoning Update:

Starting in 2013, our Agency has assisted the Town of Esperance Zoning Rewrite Committee with the review and revisions of the Town of Esperance's Zoning Regulations. This update incorporated many of the goals and visions that the community expressed in their Comprehensive Plan. The zoning update was reviewed by the Schoharie County Planning Commission at their May meeting and is currently pending Town Board approval.

Town of Seward Comprehensive Plan:

The Town of Seward Town Board has decided to develop a Comprehensive Plan for their Town. This will be the Town's first comprehensive plan. Our Agency will be assisting the Town of Seward with this exciting endeavor. The Town has established a Comprehensive Planning Committee and more information about this process will be updated in the near future.

Planning and Zoning For Solar Workshop

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) NY-Sun PV Trainers Network and the Schoharie County Planning and Development Agency will be inviting all local public officials involved in the planning, permitting, inspection, or approval processes for solar photovoltaic (PV) systems to attend a Planning & Zoning for Solar Workshop that will be held at the Bouck Hall Theatre at SUNY Cobleskill Campus on June 15, 2016 from 6:00-8:30 PM. Our Agency will be sharing registration and program information, shortly.